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Customer No. 22,852

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Saburo SONE et al.

Application No.: 09/864,364

Filed: May 25, 2001

For: NON-HUMAN ANIMAL
EXHIBITING BONE METASTASIS
OF TUMOR CELLS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now reply to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002. The period for reply has been extended two months by the Petition for Two Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 10, 18, 24, and 25 to read as follows:

C1 1. (Twice amended) A rodent bone metastasis model animal exhibiting bone metastasis of tumor cells, in which tumor cells that induce bone metastasis have been introduced by peripheral administration, wherein the animal is immunodeficient, and wherein the metastasis occurs in the animal's own bone.

C2 10. (Twice amended) A method for producing a rodent exhibiting bone metastasis of tumor cells, comprising: